

February 21, 1931.

Forester,

Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Carter:

Please find enclosed copy of a letter, dated February 14, from Mr. Clyde P. Ross of the Geological Survey containing a definition of the North Fork Range, Idaho, and his views as to a name for that range which extends from Galena Pass to the Craters of the Moon.

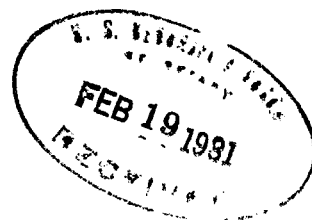
This letter follows the request made to Mr. Ross at our last conference in Mr. Bond's office, relative to names of features in south central Idaho.

I would appreciate learning your views as to the names of features referred to by Mr. Ross.

Very truly yours,

John J. Cameron,  
Secretary.

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY  
WASHINGTON



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Mr. John J. Cameron,  
Secretary, U. S. Geographic Board,  
Library of Congress,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Cameron:

In accordance with the request made to me at the conference in Mr. Bond's office Friday I submit a revised definition of the North Fork Range, and my ideas on the naming of the mountains east of Big Wood River.

The North Fork Range is the mountain range immediately east of the North Fork of the Payette River and extending from the southern end of Long Valley near Alpha to the lower canyon of the South Fork of the Payette west of Garden Valley.

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It would be highly desirable to have a distinctive name for the fairly well defined mountain range which extends from Galena Pass to the vicinity of the Craters of the Moon. This range contains Galena, Boulder, Ryan, Hyndman and other peaks. It lies for the most part between the Big Wood and Big Lost Rivers. A branch of the range extends south from west of the head of the Little Lost River to the vicinity of Carey, and in some respects it would be preferable to regard this as the continuation of the main range, leaving the mountains between the head of the Little Lost River and the Craters of the Moon to be regarded as a separate unit. This latter is the unit termed the Boulder Mountains in my original list of definitions. The name is assigned to them on the General Land Office map of Idaho (1913) and on the map of the Mackay region in U. S. Geological Survey Professional Paper 97, and is used to some extent locally. It appears that the Forest Service officials in Idaho wish to call the part of the range between Galena Pass and Ryan Peak the Boulder Mountains, presumably because it contains Boulder Peak and Boulder Basin. I have not so far found this name so used on any map, nor have I heard it so used locally. Since there appears to be ground for calling each of the two ends of the range the Boulder Mountains it is proposed that this name be redefined to include the entire mountain range from Galena Pass to the Craters of the Moon.

*Alfred 1912 County Survey*

Mr. D. C. Livingston of the Idaho Bureau of Mines and Geology has proposed the name Galena Mountains for the mass for which "Boulder Mountains" is

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here suggested. It is immaterial to me what name is adopted, but it would be very useful to have some name assigned. Perhaps Boulder Mountains is preferable because it has some support in local usage, although the name itself has little to recommend it.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Clyde P. Ross". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name "Geologist".

Geologist.